WHAT IS GOING ON IN SOCIETY.

It is extremely improbable that anything more brilliant than Mrs. Vanderbilt's ball will occur in this city for many years. The size of the rooms, the imposing entrance hall, the pictures, hangings, and decorations, to say nothing of the dresses and diamonds of the ladies, all helped to make a gorgeous display. There is scarcely a gentleman's home in Lonion, not even excepting Stafford or Devonshire House, upon which more skill and money have been expended than upon Mr. Vanderbilt's mansion. All that it wants is the mellowing hand of time to tone down its coloring and to impart to its unequalled collection of costly and artistic decorations the interest of association with the past. Many of those who were present on Tuesday night had seen court balls in Loudon, Vienna, and St. Petersburg, and they agreed that no more fairy-like spectacle of its kind had ever delighted their eyes than the view of the ballroom from the gallery above while the cotillon was going on below At balls given by the crowned heads of Europe the immense variety of uniforms, the blaze of iewelled orders and the splender with which royalty is hedged about produce a more imosing effect, but, for a scene of light-hearted enjoyment, where youth and beauty, "in affluent vestments clad," were shown in a framework of all that taste and luxury could supply

Mrs. Vanderbilt's was unrivalled. Diamonds were as plentiful as blackberries and it would be a never ending task to recall the names of all the ladies whose jewels were remarkable. Mrs. Vanderbilt wore a tiaca that might have been mistaken for a coronet, a necklace with a perfect cascade of diamonds depending from it, and earrings, pins, and bracelets to match. All the other ladies of the family were adorned with almost equal lavishness, and in spite of the sordid meanness of the thought, the problem would present itself to the average republican mind of exactly how much was represented in dollars and cents by the united jewels of the family connection. The only lady present whose diamonds approached them in magnificence was Mrs. Marshall O Roberts, whose dress was literally covered with superb gems. The Astor newels were not out in great force on this occasion, and Mrs. Belmont whose diamonds are as remarkable for the perfection of each stone and the taste displayed in their arrangement as for their size all in all however the downers looked their best and made a good show of beauty and dignity. And as for the dangers, whether married or single, it would be impossible to do justice to their grace and loveliness.

Mrs. Seward Webb, the young daughter of the house, looked more than pretty as she stood before the leafy screen distributing the cotillon favors, which consisted of hats and baskets of fresh roses, in which not a leaf showed signs of fading. Indeed, the freshness of the flowers throughout the house was the

Delmonico balls are becoming so numerous and common that they have ceased to excite the attention and awaken the interest that they did a few years ago. Young ladies now go to them attended only by their maids, and with much the same feeling of privacy and security that they would feel in a gentleman's house. In former days considerable trepidation was felt in walking across the ballroom, and to enter the front door and pass up the broad stairto be impossible. Now Delmonico's is the recognized locality for entertaining and turning social obligations by those who have not the means or the disposition to throw open their houses to the great world, and the yearly aubscription is therefore looked upon as a good Investment by poterfamilias, and a cheap and easy way of launching his daughters upon the turbulent ocean of society. The ladies' Assemblies are a recent organization, being only in the second year of their age, and having had their origin in the celebrated Ladies' Ball of two years ago. The balls have always been dis linguished by admirable management nicety of detail, and the utmost refinement.

The first one of the series, given on Thursday, was no exception to the rule. The floor the lights and the music were all that could have been desired, and there was a spirit and gayety about the dancing that seems to belong in a greater degree to a Deimonico ball than to any other. It was a first ball, too, to many who were present-among others, to the young débutante Miss Mary Otis, who looked extremely pretty and lady-like in her fresh white dress, and carried an armful of bouquets. Miss Marion Langdon, who is universally pronounced to be handsomer than ever this winter Miss Minturn a daughter of Mrs. Robert Min-Astor, and Miss Heckscher were among the young ladies who were most admired and attended. Mr. Ridgway Moore led a very animated, though rather rushing and intricate german, and the milkmen were making their rounds before the weary musicians were allowed to stop. In addition to these two large balls, the younger portion of charming cotilion party, given by Mrs. Aiden on Monday evening, at which were present all the belles and beaus. Mr. Lispenard Stewart, upon Kane seems to have fullen, led a german of about forty couples with Miss Van Rensselaer as his partner, and the dancing was kept up until far into the night.

Sandwiched in between the Assembly and the Vanderbilt ball was one of the best opera nights that has yet been seen at the Metropolitan. So many of the Academy's stockholders were present that it looked as if there might have been a fusion of the rival factions. On the same evening Patti sang to an enthusiastic throng of listeners in the Philadelphia Opera House, which only goes to prove wint the wise ones have always said that one opera at a time is as much as any American city can patronize and support.

Two large receptions and innumerable 4

o'clock tens have filled up the afternoons during the last gay week. The mornings, it is fair to suppose, have been devoted to slumber, as all dancing and no sleeping would break up the constitution of even a soslety girl of 18. Mrs. Jay's tea on Wednesday was so great a crowd that only a glimpse here and there could be had of the six lovely girls who assisted Miss Schieffelin to receive and entertain her guests. Of these Miss Fanny Perkins was almost the prettiest.

Mrs. Leavitt's reception on Thursday would have been equally successful if it had not been so minutely described two days before it took place There is something discouraging in knowing beforehand exactly what is going to be thought and said of one, and the pretty debutante. Miss Emma Leavitt, as well as the young friends who received with her, had an uneasy feeling of having been duplicated, or compelled to do the same thing twice over.

On Friday evening Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Drapet gave a dinner party of twenty-six, twelve of the guests being young lady débutantes, and after it a german, which was danced by forty

couples until a late hour in the morning. Among the latest arrivals in town for the winter season are Mr. and Mrs. James Waterbury, who have been entertaining large parties of friends during the autumn montes at their country place on the Sound, and will doubtless soon begin their usual dinner and evening hos-

Lord and Lady Mandeville, with their family and suite, have taken passage for England in the steamer of Dec. 22, and will be greatly regretted by their large circle of friends and ad-prirers on this side. Lady Kaye, formerly Miss Natica Yznaga, returned home several weeks ago, and Miss Emity Yznaga will spend the greater part of the winter with her parents on their plantation near New Orleans.

FOUND WORTHY OF DEATH.

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The trial in the General Sessions of ex-Poceman William Conroy, late of the Thirtyfifth street police, under an indigement charging him with murder in the first degree in shooting and clubbing Peter Keenan, an unoffending citizen, on the evening of the 3d uit, in Patrick Cody's saloon, at 322 East Thirty-sixth street, ended yesterday. It was the longest murder trial that has been in this county with-

in twenty-five years, lasting seven days, The court room was crowded-an unprece-dented thing at that hour-when the jury, having been in consultation for nearly six jours, returned to the court room, at 11:20, on Friday evening. The foreman said that they had been unable to agree, and Judge Cowing' saying that, in view of the great length and est of the trial he must keep them together during the night, directed the jury to return to their room, and adjourned court until 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The first ballot, it is understood, showed that the jury stood ten to two for conviction of murder in the first degree. discarding entirely the defence of insanity. The two objecting jurors voted for murder in

The two objecting jurors voted for murder in the second degree.

The next ballot was taken just before 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The tally was eleven to one for conviction of murder in the first degree, At 10 o'clock Judgs Cowing ascended the bench, and at 10:20 the jury, looking worn and sleep, entered the court room and asked Judge Cowing to read to them the logal definition of murder in the flest and second degrees. Then they returned, and at 10:4 they sent word to Judge Cowing that they had agreed. He ordered the court officers to bring in the jury and to lead the prisoner to the bar. Just as the jury entered Conrov was brought from the prisoner's box, and he and the lock upon the jury entered the box and Chief Clerk Sparks said. Prisoner, rise and look upon the jury, Gentlemen of the jury, rise and look upon the jury, Gentlemen of the jury; rise and look upon the jury, Gentlemen of the jury; rise and look upon the jury, Gentlemen of the jury; rise and look upon the jury, Gentlemen of the jury; rise and look upon the jury, Gentlemen of the jury; rise and look upon the jury, Gentlemen of the jury; rise and look upon the jury. How say you Mr. Foreman 2. Mr. Sourks.

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How say you, Mr. Foreman?" Mr. Sparks asked. "Do you flut the prisoner guilty or not guilty?" replied Foreman Whitehead.
Conroy's face became pale and then red. He raised his eyes to Jt. Ige Cowing's face.

"The verdict gentlemen," Judge Cowing said. "is an entirely proper one. I think that the jury are entitled to the thanks of the Court and of the community." I the community."
"I move for judgment, your Honor," Col.

of the community.

"I move for judgment, your Honor," Col. Fellows said.

"I object to the passing of judgment now, your Honor," responded Conrey's counsel. While thanking the jury for the evident care that they have given to the case. I say decidedly, that I do not think that the appellate courts will sustain the conviction. I ask, your Honor, that the prisoner be remained until Thursday, so that I may obtain a copy of the stenographer's minutes, and prepare for a motion for a new tria:

"Judge Cowing granted the motion, and Conroy moved from the bar with a juanty step between two court officers. His mother and father, a kindly-faced ciderly couple, sat in the enciosure for women witnesses. Their eyes met those of their son as he was led past them, but there was no display of emotion. Conroy was taken to the Tombs, handcaffed to two court officers and guarded by several more. A crowd followed. Warden Finn assigned Conroy to cail 7 in Murderers' How. From this cell Michael E. Medicion and Pietro Balbo went to the gallows in the courtvard of the Tombs. Conroy closed the inner door of his cell, and opened it only when a keeper called to bin, soon afterward, that his father and mother wished to see him. The interview was long and affecting. After their departure Conroy said it a reporter of The Sirx that his consel had advised him to say nothing as to bis conviction. He was depressed in his bearing, and spoke in the faint tone of voice of a man who had just recovered from sovere illness.

Controy is twenty-live years of age, dark complexion, and of medium height, but of spiended physical development. He was horn and raised within a few squares of the sajoon in which he killed Keenan, and was held in high esteem, it is said, by the companions of his youth as a hard hitter and a block wighter. He was somewhal of a politician, in 1881 he was made a conductor on the Second Avenue Rairons. He resigned last spring, and in April was made a conductor on the Second Avenue Rairons. He resigned last spring and in April was m

killed Keenan.

No man was ever hanged in New York for murder done while he was a polleeman. A Brooklyn polleeman who shot and killed an escaping prisoner was once found guilty of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged, but he was pardoned.

Several biils have already been introduced into Congress, to repeal the preemption and to House, in response to an urgent recommendation from the Committee on Public Lands voted to repeal the preemption laws, but its action was reversed by the Senate.

No one questions the benefit which thes laws originally conferred on the West. Under their operation its vast domains have been opened to the settler, and thousands of settleness. But how do these laws operate now?

The General Land Office shall tells us:

Parties who desire to obtain large quantities of land employ more to hake entries on newly surveyed land alleging residence long anterport to the surveyed land alleging residence long anterport to the survey and the tell of the survey of the following tell of the survey of the following the survey of the following the survey of the following the survey of the surve

ment claim has been placed on record before final proof shall be industried presentive of alleged time of residence prior to outry.

Every year's experience thus shows the orgent necessity of repealing the preemption law. One of the bills now becore Congress for this purpose allows it seemed homestead entry to be made by these who may hitherto have falled to perfect their titls or have never made a filing under the existing act, so obviating some objections to the proposed repeal. Congress was assured last year by the committee having charge of the subject that not more than one in ten of recent pre-implication entriesing honest. Ought not such a system of fraid to be destroyed? Thievee are stealing millions of acres under these laws, and great corporations and capitalists are the receivers, while the actual settler can often get the land he wants only at an exercitant advance on the price. A network of traud is spread over the public domain, so that even the communition feature of the homestead law is subject to the same abuses, according to Communissioner McFarland, as the preemption law.

The alleged communitation settler is frequently a person cardoved of some on the sendover tree cure title by communition settler is frequently a person cardoved of some on the sendover tree cure title by communitation after its requestive proportion, which is exceptible under the residence of the characteristic and universal proportion, which is exceptible under on the large of monated is as to require proof across always retrieve and universal proportion, which is exceptible under the first hand as when the land of selected value and in large quantities, could be materially checked. * * * The homesteen than two years before a homestead entry may be communed by each parmon.

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The gangs of adventurers who infest the land offices of the West and are in collusion with some of the officials while the rich rusculs nurclass the plunder, also pervert the Timber Culture and Desert Land acts. The last revision of the land laws thus becomes one of the most urgent subjects demanding the attention of the Forty-eighth Congress. Colossal robert, coupled with perjury, is now going on under them. After the needed change in the laws, the bunishment of the thelves may not be fully assured until a clean sweer is made of their partners in Government office.

"Members of the Mercantile Exchange in casy instances refuse to serve on the Arbitration Commany instances refuse to serve on the Arthiration Committee, because of their inability to detect the bogus futter, now being soid in larger quantities than every said a dealer. "Even retailers say that plenty of their customers decline to purchase the dairy butter from Delaware county, but call for the "ince fresh kind," which is, in fact, nothing but the bogus compound known as butterine. Seven handred tabs of the stort have been received here within a week such passing containing sixty pounds. It is composed of fard, butter, and the first been did in it is being cost a substance containing sixty pounds. It is composed of fard, butter, and the market. Pently of farming any overlaw or put upon the market. Pently of farming any outer average to the market. Pently of farming any extend those west of this large, and gaverine price may not there are a futter is tonigh mainly at Eigh, ill, the great outer events of this State, it is fourly miles west of this large, and gaverine prices on any three had at New York. Taking the creativery butter made there, and the large for the surface of the surface of this state of surface and the large for the surface of the su mittee, because of their insbility to detect the bogus

Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Francklyn will also.
In a few weeks, turn their faces castward. They propose to spend the winter months in the Mediterranean and on the Nile.

The entertainments for next week are not so numerous as those of the week just closed. The Patriarch's ball on Monday evening and a debutantes cotillon on Friday at Mrs. J. P. Girsud Fester's are all that are promised.

These are the days when nuts are plonty in the market. Feet varieties are follows. Paper shell amonds in casks. By containing the partial interval amonds the casks. By contains a follows. Paper shell amonds the casks. By contains self-follows. Paper shell amonds the casks. By contain self-follows. Paper shell amonds the casks. By contain a follows. Paper shell amonds the casks. By contain a follows. Paper shell amonds the casks. By contain a follows. Paper shell amonds the casks. By contain a follows. Paper shell amonds the casks. By contain a follows. Paper shell amonds the casks. By contain a follows. Paper shell amonds the casks. By contain a follows. Paper shell amonds the casks. By contain a follows. Paper shell amonds the casks. By contain a follows. Paper shell amonds the casks. By contain a follows. Paper shell amonds the casks. By contain a follows. Paper shell amonds the casks. By contain a follows. Paper shell amonds the casks. By contain a follows. Paper shell amonds the casks. By contain a follows. Paper shell amonds the casks. By contain a follows. Paper shell amonds the casks. By contain the casks.

INDIAN GIMBLING.

A Game in which the Shockenes Beggared

WINNEMUCCA, Dec. 8 .- About fifty Sho hone sports arrived here a week age on a visit to the Pintes. The latter received their friends very cordially, and, as is usual in such cases speedily organized a small game for their en-tertainment. Such a tournament has not been seen here in years. The game was a very ex citing one, but the best of feeling prevailed and does yet, although the Piutes are destitute of everything they once held dear. Such a plucking of one tribe by another has not been known in this country before.

The game began a few hours after the arrival of the Shoshones, and, running day and night, lasted without interruption until to-day. when the last Piute blanket, plug hat, flannel shirt, gun, and pair of boots vanished. The Indians placed two poles on the ground, about ten feet apart, and parallel with each other, and then sat on the ground crosslegged outside the poles. The stakes were placed on the ground between the poles. Each side was furnished with six or eight small sticks and four long ones. Two strings of small shells were procured, and after it was decided by chance which side should take the shells, the sport procured, and after it was decided by chance which side should take the shells, the sport began. A low chant, accompanied by the striking of the poles with the sticks and the swaying of the bodies of the players to and fro, was then begun by the side which won the shells, and the two Indians who had the shells moved their hands and arms and changed the shells from one hand to the other, and finally concealed both hands under their blankets and cassed moving them. This seemed to be the signal for one of the gamblers on the other side to guess in which hand the shells were taken up by that is the shells were thrown to his side and two of the short sticks. Then the singing and pounding and gyrations were taken up by that side and continued until the shells were wen back by the other side. When all the short sticks were on one side the game was decided, the players having the sticks being declared the victors. The chanting and the stakes for another game were decided, the poles then ceased until the stakes for another game were decided and the returns were decided and the returns were decided and the returns were decided on the ground the players having the sticks being declared the victors. The chaoting and the beating of the roles then ceased until the stakes for another game were deposited on the ground, when the performance was repeated.

At the outset the games ran evenly, but in the course of two or three days the Shoshones got the lead, and all the sitver that appeared in the stakes after that was put there by them, the Pintes hypotheeating their guns and other valuables. Once or twice the Pintes made small winnings, and their joy was great, but before they could entice any of the silver to their side luck turned against them again. They sent runners out in all directions for retheir side luck turned against them again. They sent runners out in ail directions for resouldereements, and reking and scraping everything that the tribe had that could be solder gambled away, they lest it ail. When they could borrow and beg no more they reluctantly aband need the game. The Shoshones, inden with their spoil, are on their way home, and the lintes, always miserable creatures, are just now doubly so. Some of them have been in town to-day legging, and probably others will appear soon. Chief Nucles says they are destinate of everything; that many of them are shivering with cold, and that nothing but their fear that the white men will lough at them has kept them away as long as this.

The Curious Document Discovered in the

Records of the Surrogate's Office, One of Surrogate Rollins's clerks, while examining the records in the Surrogate's office recently, discovered a peculiar will which was have been a tramp and professional beggar. transacting his business in Grand and Fourteenth streets and in Sixth and Eighth ave-Most of the beneficiaries under the will are said to be members of the testator's pro-fession. The will was offered for probate on Jun, 27, 1874, and is as follows:

LAST WILL OF SOLOMON S, HASTINGS, Selemon's Bastings and dedectare this as my last will be be be seen to be see my dear friend Alex J. McConnell John Francis Norse my old crittels and also my old list. Faints and since.

2.0. I Bequestib to my friend Joseph J. Avery my Routes in Fouriesith et and also my Routes in Sixth and Eight Avenues providing he never saves more than 1 Eight Avenues providing he never saves more than 1 did, 1 don't believe be will.

3d. I Reputen it to my desirest of friends Charles Alexander my sent by Guilland's Fire and also my chance of catching buck. I Guess Charley will catch as much mek as I could.

4th. To my other Friend William Kruzer i leave the following articles: 1 old odding, I Corker if he can steal it. 1 oil part of suspenders to be got wherever he can find them. Bud them.

5th All the rest of my property (leave to my beloved lea Hobbs, and) also leave her my dear friend John Clark. Witness my weal

SOLONON X HASTINGS JANES LEE. | Willieses.

WHO SHALL EXIMINE THE ROOKS? Mayor Edson Offers to the Grand Jury the

Mayor Edson has sent to District Attorney

Olney a lotter, saying: ments of the city Government-namely, the Department of Public Works-which, in justice to taxpayers as well

While Ernest Grant, a colored boy, was standing upon the steps to front of a house in West Twenty.
fourth street on the 3d of August last, looking at lads
who were playing to the street, one of these boys, Ferdi nand Knothoff, caught bin by the legs so that he fell backward, bitting the head upon the stone thagging. He died of his injuries. Herrors in either such the boy Knothoff in the fourth of Common Pleas for \$3,000 diamages. Julies Van Hossen vy-derday granited a motion requiring Mrs. Grant to the security for contact, saying.

This action the security for contact, saying.

This action the such appeal to the indiameter of the Court. The defendant is only a harby. The decreased chief was also kindly. The pertunary damages to the lagst of sin from the leath of a child, who must for years be a children who harby the action of the lagst of sin from the leath of a child, who must for years be a children who it he parent. Are so a rule, purely imagenery. No wood can come from adding the prosecution of this integration. The verdet ought to be for little if any more than minimal damages.

Guides of Ship Captains.

The attention of a man who was looking at ie bridge from a Fulton ferry boat was attracted by the ends of eleven from beams between the towers. They were painted with red bands above and below and a white one in the middle.

"Every ship captain who sails into this port," a man

in South street and in explanation, "is provided with a chart that shows the elevation of the bridge and the bine of mean high water. From the water line to the botton, of the centre beam, which is painted, the distinct is 150 feet. The adjoining two striped beams are 393 feet away. They are 133 feet above the water line. The others are 130, 125, 125, and 118 feet above the water inc. This the Captain can tell, when to strike his top-gallaxt mass.

An advertising banner made of oil-cloth, An advertising thanner made of off-costs, lined with heavy woodlen goods, nearly covered the man who carried it down Wall street yesterday. "O'm a warrun sandwich sor," said he to a question. "Thin woods, frame xinitiated sandwiches wint out of style whin the could weather came in."

Carleimas Money Orders.

There were 34,219 money orders, represent-ing \$47,000.22 model to foreign lands last work, as against \$49,477, received here in orders from alread.

The Fatry's Gitt. One day a fairy came to earth; she was the queen of suffice and mirth, and jost and jo. She came I were. When all the garbons woods were given, When earth was fully it takes and those ex-and summer laughed through all the hours. sto caper-and hind the selft so well find an lead the part to the part A grant for heavy the first to the A grant for heavy the limit A plant on gelf for heating hand. A fond where was a part despit. Which made the teeth of mortals white Which made the breath of mortals eweet.
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For the order as the gift most meet.
We these the fairy for its cake.
For tis the immertal Sezedont—dde.

IN THE ROLLING MILL BUSINESS.

12b Tide New, but with Prices as Low as They are Likely to Go. "The rolling mill business is down at pres-

ent," W. O. Paverweather, Treasurer of the Passaic Relling Mill Company, said. How much is your working force reduced?" "I should say that we have about one-third ess than the number we could employ.

'And how extensive should you say has been the reduction of the number of men employed?" The same condition of affairs exists all over eastern Pennsylvania-in fact, all through Pennsylvania one-third more men could be kept at work with the same machinery. You must remember that we are keeping our regular men at work, and all our furnaces are run ning, because we have a variety of steady work ning, because we have a variety of steady work in various kinds of machinery to employ regular hands. We are rather lavored in that respect, but still, if we had the business, and the same is true of other employers, we could put on one-third more hands."

"How about the locomotive works?"

"They are equally dull. The railroads appear to be economizing and cutting down. Few new railroads are building, and the old ones are doing with their old locomotives. Locomotive orders are falling off.

"How about locomotive building for foreign countries."

"There is very little going on in that line,"
"Is this depression unusual at this season of "Is this depression unusual at this season of the year?"

"It is always more or less so. There are seasons when the trade fluctuates. It goes up and down. Now it is down, but to-inorrow, metaphoriznity speaking, it will be up again. Orders have been held back for lower prices. Now that the lower prices are here the orders must be forthcoming. The prices of fron work are new so low that it is a most favorable time to build any machinery. Such being the fact, it will not take long for those who want machinery to find out that now is the time to buy it. The reaction is sure,"

"Will prices go lower?"

Will prices go lower?"
I think not My opinion is that they have I think not. My opinion is ached bottom."
Do you think there are many skilled men it of employment?"
"Some, but the policy of all employers is to the policy of the many skilled men employed regularly, and the land the now the case."

keep their skilled men employed regularly, and that is now the ease."

"What becomes of the others who are thrown out of employment?"

"Some of them are able to change their occupation and get employment in other business such as the holpers and the extra hands who are employed in busy times—what you might call the floating population of workingmen. They are able to do some skilled work, and when they cannot get that to do they are willing to do laboring work."

"How about bridge building—anything doing in that line?"

"Not much. There is no boom in anything.

In that line?"
"Not much, There is no boom in anything,
Most of our great trunk lines have their
bridges in good order, and few new ones are
building. Possibly the low prices that now
ore and will start up the business soon." Any fears of a ranie?"
"Oh, no. The present depression is merely the incidental one that occurs in the natural cob and flow of business. To-day we have the cob; to-morrow we shall surely have the flow."

AMUSEMENTS.

The Philharmonic Concert. At last night's Philbarmonic concert the following substantial programme was interpreted: Symphony in F. Hermann Götz. Con-Symphony in D minor Schumann, As the concerto is in symphonic form, the programme may be said to have consisted of three symphonies. Yet the concert was not monotonous. For the three compositions are very different in conception. The first is the work of a youth, and it moves with the guileless grace and beauty of youth; the last two are the works of men, and bear the impress of manhood. But as they are compositions of of manhood. But as they are compositions of men of different mode they contrast as much with one another as with the first. The concerts often rises to the height of that calim, majorite dignity which bestloven attained in his moments of loftiest institution; while the Schumann Symphony, despite the placid romanze, seems to sweep by like a restless, surging wave of passion. Carously enough, the most recent of the three compositions, the

most recent of the three compositions, the date symptomy adheres most closely to the classical form.

The concerto was played by Prof. Carl Baermann of Boston. He has full command of all technical resources of the art of pinno playing. This is one of the necessary conditions to a perfect performance of this noble work. The others are a firm, intellectual grasp of the composor's conception, and the emotional power with which to warm that conception into life. Prof. Baermann played with a breath, dignity, and power which must have satisfied all fand they are many) who claim that a strictly intellectual interpretation of a Beethoven piano composition is the proper one. But it has always seemed to us that there is as much emotion in a beethoven sonata or concerto as there is in a Chopin nocturne, only the emotion is different in kind; and we full to find in Prof. Baermann's playing that power of expression without which the living human sentiment of this work remains unrecognized. That Prof. Baermann is fully capable of playing with emotion we know, so we lay his negicely to do so last night entirely to his conception of the composition.

As for the rest of the programme, the fact that it was interpreted by the unexcelled and perhans unequaled orchestra of the Philbermanic Society renders any comment unnecessary.

Profit in Old Hulks.

A shipbuilder and contractor who has been known for many years as a speculative buyer at sales of Government property, and who has bought a large num-ber of the condemned naval vessels sold since the rebel-hon, was one of the bulders at the recent sales of forty three naval vessels. When asked yesterday to what pur-

The Rev. Henry Kimball stood by the steps of City Hall vesterday. Two barrels of crackers and a quantity of charge stood by Mr. Kimbali. A betero general mot of men and loys stood around the three, and held their hars in their bands. Mr. Kimball filled with crackers the but or the hands of each who applied. When the last barrel contained only about two plied. When the last barrel contained only about two inches of troken crackers in very tall, thin-faced, angular woman, dressed in a cation dress and a thin green showt hobbied up to the edge of the mob.

"Come anny, hinry up, or you'll be too late," said a policientan, making a way for her through the crewd. Here, take the harrel and all," said Mr. Kimbell, looking up, as his local emerged from the harrel. The woman saw that the crackers in the larrel were nearly all troken. She straightened up, saided the air, and with her arms an industry. She will deal to the larrel were ready all troken. She straightened up, sinded the air, and with her arms an industry.

Hours of Labor for Women and Children Boston, Dec. 15 .- A movement is under way in this city to enforce the laws which exist, to the effect that no child under 14, or a woman, shall be employed in a store more than sixty hours per week, and the Po the Inspectors are investigating cases of violation which, it is asserted, are numerous in all the large retail establishments. Warong has been served on all the particles but prosequitons will be enforced at once it two or three instances, the cases coming up next week. The flue is \$50 for each case proved.

The Church Party in Ecuador.

PANAMA, Dec. 6.—The Conservative or Church party have the upper hand in the Congress of Ecuador, and will form the Constitution to suit themselves.

THE BARBER'S BLACK EYE. He and his Assistant Exchange Tales About

Klasing in Finthush and New York. The German barber near the Cooper Institute shaved THE SUN reporter yesterday. There was no one else in the little shop. The barber's mischievous assistant was standing at the head of the stops leading down to the shop, pulling his moustache and exchanging saluta tions with the shop girls on their way home from work. The barber himself presented an unwonted appearance. His right eye was blackened, and a section of the skin of his now Nevertheless, his spirits were ex-

cellent and his speech was unimpaired. "Der monkey barper by der negst shair," he said, "is grazy to sdart a shop by Flatbush. He says a young feller can more uf der worlt in Flatbush see in fife minutes (according to der destimony in der klasing case) as can pe seen in pecomes von long Mettodist sociable. He vould some visiding carts get brinted, saying, 'More pedder der young laties drust der barpers as der gusdimers. It's der gusdimers vot do all der doo much dalking in a barner shon! He

Excanesing Made for Sociaties, Overthe Supplies, Elocation Glassics, Stade Rives, Brennicks, Exhibitions A hammock for dem viele can'd sit up, And Kissing done Reasonable! No date dolt gray from school

"I got a choke off apowd dot minesciluff; I said. Von I vos a leedle kid der poys used to vent to court der girls, but in Fiatpush it's der girls vot go to court! But dot's pad pecness choking apowd dot case. I should dink dot vouid been a tickens of a funny ding owid in San Francisce, but der gioser ve get to Fiatbush, der less ut a choke it is.

San Francisco, but der gloser ve get to Flatbush, der less uf a choke it is.

"Dot's a curious dings apowd chokes. A choke may in von blace pe very lunny, and dree feet avay pe no choke ad all. Now, you chust see if you dink dis is funny, airety. A nice oft chendleman is riting mit a railroat drain uf cars, and he is dinking uf serious dings. He dinks uf life, uf peezness, af der cares von a family, and such a sort of dings. A young monkey foller is riting also mit der same car. He dinks apowd foolishness. Der drain sdops, und beople get owid. Bresently der drain sdarts again. Der young veiler says to der oit chendleman; Py Chimany! You see dot chendleman by der sdation? He has left his val se, und done at it is by der nerst seat, py golly! Dot's doo pad." Der oit cheadleman says: Here, I chicke it to him, aireity. So he der vinder obens, fires owid der pig vallse, and hollers to der man, vien looks at him mit surbrise. Der drain goes like der teffli. Choost der same dieman und bunches hees nose und chokes him right avay. He says: 'Vot insite der mischied dit you slead my dings und fire 'em avay from der vinder?' und bunches und chokes him ofer some more. Der young feller vot ves der originushun of der whole dings, he hollers und laughs und sgreams und says uf somenday ton'd pinch him he lift tie right avay. Do you dink dot's a choke?'

"Yes,' said the reporter; "don't you?"

No, I ton'd." the barber replied. Dot old choudeman is me. Dot's a choke py der negst shair, airetty pegause der monkey rarber is der young veller. Dot's der yny I sbend Danksgiffing, pudding biaster on my nose und gidding my eyes bainted."

The barber next discusses the war of the newsdealers. He takes sides with the dealers

The barber next discusses the war of the newsdeniers. He takes sides with the dealers warmly. Presently it appears that he nas what he considers a good reason for this:

"I vonted to bell along a beelle poy vot vos an offen, he says, "und—"

"I vented to bell along a leedle poy vot vos an uffen," he says, "und—"

An oven? The reporter inquires,

Yah, an uffen—pegause he ton'd got himself any farder und mudder. So I set to him, 'Chouny, I make you up in der newsbaber pecgress. Here, go righd away und buy sex Heyalds, sell 'em, und dot makes a sdart in der vorlt. So he's a nice felier und he vent und beught der bapers, und dem eost den eents. He vent owid und valked der whole morning und sout file bapers, He got skitack on von. So he elloost got beek his money. Dot's vot I call a leighvay svindle! Uf he hat solt only four bapers he vent du file bapers he sold of the short he found the barber's assistant standing at the head of the stairs on the sadewalk waving his hand to a young woman with a bundle on the other

the stairs on the salewalk waving his hand to a young woman with a bundle on the other side of the street.

"Did der joss dell you apowd how he gaptured his bleck nose und ploody eye?" he inquired of the reporter.

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"Yes," said the assistant, "Der druth apowd how he got his nose bleck und plue is dis vay: He has got coming to see him at his house an oit sweetheart from Chermany. Der oder morning he comes down choost abowd taylight und looks der kitchen in und sees a nead und drin leedle flaure bending ofer der slove.

"Ah, ha!" he says, "I haf some leedle fun mit my olt sveetheart. So he comes up very sofd und sveed und nice, and he blaces von arm arount ner vaisd und pends beck her head und says, "Ve haf choest von und neffer deir—und he kisses her. Choost der same minute, it vos doe late. He sees it vos his mutter-in-law. Chimany Grismas! Der oit vooman is a teflil mit tin veeis! She trove his nesse der beck uf his head mit a boker, New he is choosd gidding pedder, his vite is coming home."

FISHION AND HOLDINAY NOTES.

Trains are fuller. Trains are not long. Haves are very long dask veits are much worn Few trained dresses are worn High coffices are again in favor. Sleeves remain very tight below the elbow. Small buf face vells are either red or black. Dotted face veils are in high fashionable favor Gentlemen's draying gloves have very large gauntlets

Very handsome are the toys and dolls seen in the Lilipottan Farance Figured velvets are much worn but are never so elegair as plan ones.

Thire direct Suchs gloves divide favor with white and black gloves for evening wear.

Chridden's dresses are all made loss about the waist, in the late revived English styles.

the shoulders.

The few trained dresses lately brought from the other side have the princess tack, under which disappear the high puffed panier draperies.

The most fashionable ormanishs for the hair are crestents, stars, sprays, and course of litting crystals, often so fine as to be abstacle for disappends. so fine as to be adstance for financials
threed olive wood writing and smoking sets on larticles for various toited, theres, and person uses appear
in the collections of the finding goods.

Birds and butterflies of the most trapical appearance
are placed flat on the coreaves and draportes of many
gausy and final-envirolibered hold drasses.

Caps of proated larce piffs of fulle and gause and of
backed hot are midel to the showes of half high correages
to give the light shouldered epaniette effect.

The flowers must in favor for half dresses are little of
the valley, forget me into hedge ruses, monthly ruses,
Alpine healther spiras, and red or bite salvias.

Ellow sleeves have the tipper part of the cloth cut
away, showing the arm to the clow, save where it is
covered by the bands that fasten the sleeve across in.

Vetvel dresses are handeoness when made all of one Velvet dresses are handsomest when undeall of one kind of velvet and frimmed only with a little lace, like k or white, or both, or tinted to match the color of the

Ridley's collection of rings set with Parisian diamonds cartificates, amediyets, controls, and other gents and low-ols, after a flat of the control of the property of the present of an engagement ring, of a galge Camille. Neapoiltan lowelry, consisting of bronches have pine, rings, and hancles of silver flatters in all sorts of fatter-ful forms, such as familiaries are presents, mandoting volume and guitars, are lowered engerty for holiday grifs. And will form the Constitution to suit themselves. Meanwhile the Liberal leaders remain quiet, being unwilling to plunge the country into another revolution and heping that the country into another revolution and heping that the country into another revolution and heping that the common selve of the people may allimately frimph over the clerical plots.

It is reported that 46 perions died in timp again in the thereof the perions who will seat upon the the unit over 100 teleng soldiers from the interior. The deaths average about 10 a day for the year through, or 360 per month, a large proportion being linkane.

Roy Incendiaries Sentenced.

Milwather Dec. 15.—The boy Incendiaries. Nofert, Fink, and Millard, to day pleaded goilty in the Criminal Court. Judge Mallory sentenced them to the closurer will be an invalidable the clean of such as a freedom with the man of the clean of the clean of such as a freedom of the clean of the cl

WHY SOLDIERS DESERT.

Bad Battons and Treatment-An Fatteted

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUS No: Your editorial in Tun Sun of Dec. 9, entitled "The Army Drained by Desertion," prompts me to say a few words concerning the causes that led desertion at one army post, namely, Fort McHenry Baltimore. I speak from a personal knowledge of the facts, for I was stationed there from 1867 to 1870. There are many reasons that cause soldiers of the United States Army to desert, but I shall confine myself to a few of them. The principal cause, I think is the insum.

clency of and lack of variety in the soldier's ra-

tion. It was a common thing, during my three years' term of enlistment to hear men complaining daily and continually of hunger, which soumed never to be appeared execut at Christmas, when the Christian "officers and gentlesmas, whon the Christian officers and gentlemen" permitted them to have a feast, provided with their own money! I suppose you are aware that in the ration issued by a liberal Government not a single vegetable is allowed to mar the infinite variety of bean soup one day and rice soup the next, and so on to the end of the soldier's enlistment, if he does not desert before his term expires. It is true there is what is called a "company fund" or money received from the quartermoster for rations not drawn by the company for the Government is bountifut in the few articles it furnishes for the soldier's stormen; but this fund is in the hands of the Cantain of the company, and unfortunately, he consults his tastes or convenience about the way it should be expended. My company had two Cantains during my three years's eryice. The first, a fine old soldier, allowed whiskey to get the upper hand of him, and whom he died it was runnered that he had converted the company inde to his own use to satisfy the craving of his sicuncel, for stimulants, and allowed the stomashs of his men to go empty. Our next Cantain hangehed to be a sort of stude, who be lieved that a company fund was accumulated to buy varnish for knapsacks, haversacks, &c. Between the duale and the drunkard the soldiers' stomachs were kept pretty empty.

Another cause for desertions is the fact that soldiers' are required to perform menial services for officers. It was an every-alwy occurrence at the post referred to for men to to be detailed with handcarts and barrels to visit the officers widenily had less respect for soldiers than they had for their hired menials. At guard mounting every morning "the cleanest than they had for their hired menials. At guard mounting every morning "the cleanest than they had for their hired menials. At guard mounting every morning to the day. His principal duty was to wait on the officer's wife, I muging a huge lamper of provisions from the commissary's or a load of bread under his arm from the bakers!

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